



# Fish and Wildlife Conservation

How Fish and Wildlife Dollars Are Used in Your Backyard

## Brown County



### **County characteristics**

- 534 sq. mi.
- 233,000 residents in Brown County
- Waters: 3 lakes and 15 warm water streams and the Southern tip of the bay of Green Bay
- Trends - Brown County has gone from a beech, maple, and oak forest, to mostly agriculture, and is now experiencing rapid urban growth.



### **State Land Open to Hunting and Fishing**

- 2,700 acres of state land including wildlife and fisheries areas and streambank areas.
- 2,700 acres open to hunting

Locate DNR properties at:

[http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/dnr\\_lands\\_mapping.html](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/dnr_lands_mapping.html)

### **Fish and Wildlife Staff serving you**

- 2 Wildlife Biologists; 1 Fisheries Biologist
- 1 Fisheries Technician, 3 Conservation Wardens
- 4 Customer Service Representatives
- Office: 2984 Shawano Ave. Green Bay, 54307
- Staff also serve portions of Outagamie, Calumet, Door, and Kewaunee counties.

### **Activities Funded by Your Hunting and Fishing Dollars**

- Establish and maintain grassland and wetland habitat for ducks, pheasants, and other wildlife species.
- Great Lakes strain muskellunge have been stocked since 1989, and a trophy fishery has developed in the lower Fox River.
- Apprehend deer poacher over illuminated bait behind his residence.
- Apprehend multiple overbaggers of perch/walleyes
- Forfeiture and restoration of illegal shoreland fill on the Bay of Green Bay.
- Spring Walleye/Northern Watch.
- Handicap Waterfowl blinds in partnership with Green Bay Duck Hunters Club and Brown Co. Parks.
- Goose Banding and Duck Rescue in partnership Green Bay Duck Hunters Club.
- Minority outreach programs targeting Hispanic and Hmong hunters/fishermen.



*Activities continued...*

- Control exotic and invasive species to assure quality native habitat.
- Manage DNR land by posting public hunting and access sites, and maintaining parking areas.
- Monitor local wildlife populations of ducks, geese, pheasants, grouse, woodcock, deer, frogs, grassland birds, loggerhead shrikes, eagles, osprey, trumpeter swans.
- Respond to wildlife damage and nuisance complaints and monitor wildlife diseases including CWD and West Nile Virus.
- Evaluate proposed projects for environmental impacts, work to keep habitats intact and functioning for fish and wildlife.

### **Brown County Conservation Snapshots**

- 9 Public boat launch accesses
- 40 ALIS agents supported
- 5 Deer, Turkey & Bear Registration Stations
- 13 Stream access sites



### **Fish & Wildlife Stocking Summary**

- 500 brown trout stocked in 2 streams in 2004
- 1,000 bluegills, and 10,679 muskellunge stocked
- 200 pheasants stocked on Holland Wildlife Area
- 100+ pheasants provided to 2 Day-old chick club

### **County Success Stories**

- Walleye were stocked during 1977-1984, and have since sustained themselves. Natural reproduction and recruitment not only supports the walleye population of the lower Fox River and lower Green Bay, but it also supports a spectacular action and trophy fishery.
- Opened areas within the City of Green Bay to hunting to control urban goose and deer population

### **Statewide challenges to maintaining your hunting and fishing opportunities**

- Without a fee increase as proposed by Governor Doyle, the Department of Natural Resources will be forced make numerous cuts in:
  - Fish and wildlife stocking programs: Conservation law enforcement; Public hunting acres; Fish and wildlife field biologists and Customer services
- Keeping upland, shoreline and aquatic habitat intact and functional
- Multiple user conflicts - Increasing pressure on public lands
- Rapid growth – urban sprawl
- Nuisance wildlife and invasion by non-native species
- Disease management